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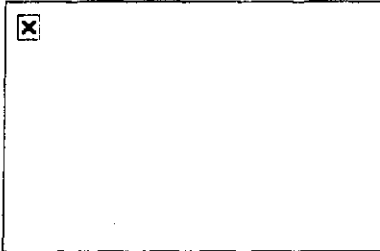
From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:14 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Deadline Approaching To Promote Your Business

From: World Trade Center Alaska [mailto:info@wtcak.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:12 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Deadline Approaching To Promote Your Business

Deadline Fast Approaching.......

Promote Your Business and Support World Trade Center Alask

13 September 2007

Dear WTCAK Members and Friends of the Center:

The Fall season has arrived. It's a busy time here at the Trade Center as we work with mer pursue international business opportunities and prepare for a number of major trade event year.

As you know, 2007 is a special year for World Trade Center Alaska (WTCAK). We in 1987, thus 2007 is our 20th Anniversary Year. During the past two decades we have bee Alaskan companies grow their businesses through international trade. We've helped Alaska new markets such as the Russian Far East and, more recently, China, Singapore and India trade missions, conferences, seminars, monthly luncheons, publications and one-on-one a:

Trade Center has worked with its members and community partners to help build a strong international trade economy that saw overseas exports reach a record $4 billion last year.

In recognition of our 20th Anniversary, Alaska Business Monthly magazine is including a special section focused on WTCAK in their upcoming, November 2007 edition. The November issue is one of the magazine's most popular editions. Each year, this issue highlights Alaska's mining sector. Many people not only read the issue, but also keep it handy to refer back to in the future.

The section provides an opportunity for you to promote your business and, at the same time, support the mission and activities of your Trade Center. The magazine is offering discounts for advertisers who place ads in connection with the special section on World Trade Center Alaska. I hope you will take advantage of these discounted rates. The special section will include several articles about WTCAK and Alaska's role in the global economy. This is an excellent opportunity to deliver your company's or organization's message to private and public sector leaders across the state.

If you would like to reserve your ad space today, please contact Mary Beth Carr at ABM on 276-4373. The space reservation deadline is 20 September 2007.

Thank you, as always, for your interest and participation in WTCAK. We would greatly appreciate your support of this special section in Alaska Business Monthly.

Best Regards,

Greg Wolf

Executive Director

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Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 6:58 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
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Thanks,
Larry

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Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 22:51:39
To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Tom Irwin <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,Lawrence L Hartig <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>
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To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, Lawrence L Hartig <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>
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To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: uschamber.com Monthly: Pants Lawsuit Fundraiser Held

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From: membership@uschamber.com [mailto:membership@uschamber.com]
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U.S. Chamber Rallies Behind Small Business

The U.S. Chamber's Institute for Legal Reform (ILR) and the American Tort Reform Association (ATRA) hosted a fundraiser for a mom-and-pop dry cleaner engulfed in a two-year fight against a $54 million lawsuit over a missing pair of pants. The event raised more than $70,000 to cover the legal costs of the targeted business owners and helped underscore the need for commonsense legal reform.

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Chamber Outlines Long-Term Agenda
The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, on the occasion of President and CEO Tom Donohue's 10th anniversary as head of the organization, is charting a multiyear agenda to enhance America's competitiveness.
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As classrooms open for the start of the new school year, there is good news for students and their future employers: More federal dollars are going to math and science education, which is essential to meeting the needs of America's economy and its employers.
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The costs associated with the turnover of hourly wage and frontline employees such as medical assistants, food workers, and cashiers can be high. In the hospitality industry, turnover costs are between $3,000 and

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Beware of Defective Imports
Imagine you're a small retail tire business that purchases tires from a manufacturer overseas. One of your customers buys what turns out to be a defective tire from your store. Are you at fault, even though you didn't make or alter the tire? The answer could be yes.
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If you haven't been paying attention to energy efficiency as it relates to business or have been focused on the up-front costs of deploying the available solutions, you're missing an opportunity to save money.

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Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:40 PM
To: Heather Bruce; Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Bruce's Muldoon Chevron Supersation of America

I'll be there! Thanks!

Janice- let's reserve Sept 21 for Kurt's grand opening. And let's do a congratulations letter to him for opening this business and helping to revitalize Anchorage.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kurt & Heather Bruce <khbruce@gci.net>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 22:12:19

To:sarah palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Bruce's Muldoon Chevron Supersation of America

Gov. Sarah,

If you are interested in a tasty Johnsonville Stadium Bratwurst, Chedder Cheesedog or an outstanding F'real Milkshake we are planning the Grand Opening for Friday, September 21st. I have prepaid for a "Post It" ad in the ADN and that is about the only Friday available in the foreseeable forever. Fridays are good days for us and Coca Cola will provide a BBQ. I need to have it before snow flies.

Later, Kurt

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From:	Bailey, Frank T (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=FTBAILEY]
Sent:	Thursday, September 13, 2007 6:22 PM
To:	Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Cc:	Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject:	Re: MM action items and updates

Thanks Kris. One additional action that arose was lack of any status on MM or place for bud inquiries. Spoke with Tina Otty this morning and she said she'd get on having some info on the sale posted.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

To: ExternalEmailgsp

Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV)

Sent: Thu Sep 13 18:17:25 2007

Subject: MM action items and updates

In follow-up to the meetings with Joe Austerman and Kristan this week:

Action items that are works in progress:

--changing processing days to 5 days a week M-F immediately (reduces labor costs)

--working on changing so that Mat Maid drivers drive the Anchorage/Valley routes (reduces costs by using our own people which is cheaper than Carlyle)

--getting a merchandiser for the Mat Valley stores (increases our sales when we have our coolers stocked all the time)

--contacting corrections and/or other state agencies to increase our sales

--discontinuing Ralph's services

--selling what rolling stock and equipment we don't need (i.e. 37 trailers)

Kristan has contacted Fred Meyer/Kroger for the West Coast regarding the possibility of processing/bottling their milk now at our plant, helping to keep the prices of MM milk down in their stores, helping us merchandise in their stores (even though they don't have to), and the invitation to bid on MM. She also spoke to Greg Spark in Seattle w/Carrs Safeway and was able to secure an in-store price reduction.

Kristan and I are both working with Joe to make sure these action items are completed in a rapid manner and that other solutions continue to be sought. Frank has also offered to assist in whatever capacity is needed (he has already provided some good ideas that we'll be following up on). We have a draft op-ed and Kristan is making some final touches on it.

I'll update more as additional information / status updates become available. Financials are expected in about a week or so.

Kris

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 5:23 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Copper Center amazing moments

We had heard such tough things about struggles faced in the Copper Center community from troopers in Glenallen and OCS there. I had asked the OCS personnel if there wasn't a point of light or hope in Copper. She named the principal in the Copper Center School.

We stopped by and got to talk with the teachers and uplift them...they were in tears, joyful that we were there to say thank you.

As I walked out, a young teacher of two years stopped and asked that I pass a message to you. She said to say thank you for the money you provided. She said her position was slated for elimination and you had a hand in making sure they got adequate funding. She teared up as she told me and she was extremely grateful. Thought you'd like an encouraging heads up today!

Sean

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 2:26 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

Thanks so much

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From: "Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 13:44:40

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,Frank Bailey <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

Barbara Thompson has been in touch with Esther Cox and she is happy to extend the public comment period at the meeting on the 21st, so that all can be heard. She understands that allowing more testimony in lieu of conducting the work session on statewide correspondence programs is an option - as well as shortening the lunch time and trimming up the agenda in other places.

Barbara Thompson has also been in touch with Glen Biegel today regarding public testimony. There has already been public notice on the meeting from DEED and on the AHEA website.

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Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)

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Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 08:11:22

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

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From: Esther Cox [mailto:esthercox@alaskalife.net]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:08 PM

To: AK Home Educators Alliance

Cc: Smith, Lynne M (GOV); mauer@wildak.net; bschaeffer@nwarctic.org; Son.Luu@elmendorf.af.mil; Scott_Tim@asdk12.org; sreynoldsak@gmail.com; 'Patrick Shier'; hollowayassoc@gci.net

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Alaska Board of Education and Early Development

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From: Dwight Kramer [dwimar@gci.net]

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 8:52 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Mike Chenault; Wagoner; Tom (LAA); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Improper Handling of Pacific Coast Slamon Recovery Fund Money

Dear Governor Palin,

Kenai Area Fisherman's Coalition is forwarding your office an advanced copy of a letter we are sending regarding the mishandling of the transfer of PCSRF funds by the former administration. We feel these actions were unethical and possibly illegal. We are asking for your office and the Department of Law to commence an investigation of these actions and the related conflict they may have with ongoing Board of Fish actions. We regret that we have to take this action, however, we feel it is in the best interest of the State to identify unethical behavior so that we can move forward in an open and legitimate manner.

We have furnished support documents in the mail out packages we provided for your office, the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Law.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter. If you have any questions or require further clarification please don't hesitate to call.

Dwight Kramer
KAFC - Acting Secretary
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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:50 AM
To: John Katz
Subject: Re: Dan Wilmont/Track's Enlistment

Yeah!!!

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 15:17:23

To:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Dan Wilmont/Track's Enlistment

Dan Wilmont, your military escort to Kuwait, = asked me to convey the email pasted below.

Please pass along a hearty Marine Corps "OH RAH" to the Governor.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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Subject: Fw: Footballer

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Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 19:17:21

To:"Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Linda Perez" <linda.perez@alaska.gov>,"Karen J Rehfeld" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Erika Fagerstrom" <erika.fagerstrom@alaska.gov>

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Pat- haven't heard update on PFD roll-out in Kotzebue. Or Kenai. Or anywhere else.

I need to put it on my schedule asap.

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Larry

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Sent: Wed 9/12/2007 10:51 PM

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Subject: Re: Climate Train is Leaving

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Sent: 9/12/07 9:58 PM

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Tom: I probably won't have time tonight to get those points made in our messaging for tomorrow, so im going to cc others who may be putting something together for tomorrow's AO signing.

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To: Katz; John W (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Polar Bears/State Comments

I agree. Would you and mr Nizich draft the letter? Thanks.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 10:47:50

To:"Mike Nizich" <mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>

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Cc: Persily; Larry A (GOV); Bishop; Samuel T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Climate Change/Federal Legislation

Thanks John. We'll hustle on getting more word out re: the state's committment to addressing the issue via our subcabinet and other means. Some in the public are asking what we're doing on that front.

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The report below prepared by a private law firm provides a good summary of the pending climate change legislation and the future outlook. Lots more to come.

Congress Prepares to Debate Climate Change Legislation This Fall

Print PDF <http://www.vnf.com/attachment.html/283/vnf_alert_ClimateChange2.pdf> Kyle Danish, Douglas Smith, Thomas Roberts

September 12, 2007

As members of Congress return from their August recess and begin working on a packed agenda, climate change is one of the issues expected to receive continued attention. The committees of jurisdiction in both the Senate and the House will focus on climate change legislation, and the leaders of those committees have emphasized their interest in having climate bills considered on the floor of each chamber by the end of the year. Such a

timetable, however, could be more ambitious than realistic. This issue alert highlights the key proposals - and the primary issues - that will be in play as Congress wrestles with climate change legislation this fall.

Senate Climate Change Proposals: Bingaman/Specter and Lieberman/Warner

The Chair of the Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works (EPW), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), has committed to hold a hearing in the near-term at which each of the Senate sponsors of climate change bills will have an opportunity to present their proposals. While there have been a number of bills introduced, the focus is likely to be on two leading proposals.

One is the "Low Carbon Economy Act of 2007," which was introduced by Senators Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and Arlen Specter (R-PA) in July with endorsements from some major electric utilities and labor unions. The second is a 16-page outline of a cap-and-trade proposal by Senators Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and John Warner (R-VA) that was released in August. They have been collecting input on the outline and intend to introduce a bill for consideration in the fall. Chairman Boxer has said that the Lieberman/Warner bill, when ready, will be the primary vehicle in the EPW committee.

Comparing the Bingaman/Specter and Lieberman/Warner proposals suggests areas of convergence on the design of cap-and-trade legislation, and also those key issues that have yet to be resolved.

Emissions Targets. The Bingaman/Specter bill and the Lieberman/Warner outline would both establish cap-and-trade programs to limit emissions beginning in 2012. Bingaman/Specter calls for GHG reductions to 2006 levels by 2020. The Lieberman/Warner outline is somewhat more stringent, calling for a 10% reduction below 2005 levels by 2020. Both plans also envision consistent and steady emissions reductions through 2050.

Points of Regulation. The Bingaman/Specter bill would regulate carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from petroleum and natural gas consumption on an "upstream" basis, by regulating petroleum refiners and natural gas processors. The bill would reach CO2 emissions from coal consumption on a "downstream" basis, i.e., by regulating large consumers of coal (primarily coal-fired electric power plants).

The proposal by Senators Lieberman and Warner also would regulate petroleum on an "upstream" basis. However, they otherwise would regulate large sources of CO2 emissions on a "downstream" basis. Their program would require practically all electric power plants to submit allowances. It also would regulate industrial and commercial facilities that emit 10,000 metric tons or more of CO2-equivalent GHG emissions per year.

Allowance Allocation and Auction Provisions. The distribution of allowances (i.e., rights to emit) will be a significant and controversial issue in the Congressional deliberations. Both the Lieberman/Warner and Bingaman/Specter proposals have detailed provisions on the distribution of allowances - with some portion allocated for free and some portion auctioned. Under both programs, approximately three-quarters of allowances would be allocated at no cost in the first year and the remaining quarter would be auctioned. Under each proposal, the share of allowances auctioned would steadily increase over time while the percentage of free allocations would fall.

The proposals have different approaches for allocating allowances to individual facilities within industry sectors. In particular, they vary in their approach to allocation within the electric power sector; unlike the Bingaman-Specter proposal, Senators Lieberman and Warner propose to allocate a portion of the sector's allowances to load-serving entities. Under each proposal, some allowances are also allocated to states and to create incentives for carbon capture and sequestration programs, for early reduction projects and for other initiatives. Moreover, both programs call for auction proceeds to fund low-carbon technologies, relief for low-income households, and climate change adaptation measures.

Cost-Containment Strategies. Another key - and unresolved - issue is what kinds of mechanisms a climate bill will include for containing compliance costs.

The Bingaman/Specter bill includes a "safety valve" mechanism that allows regulated

entities to pay a "technology accelerator payment" (TAP) in lieu of surrendering an allowance. The TAP price would begin at $12 per metric ton of carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions and increase annually by 5% above the inflation rate. The TAP mechanism effectively would place an escalating ceiling on allowance prices.

The Lieberman/Warner outline eschews the safety valve in favor of "softer" cost containment strategies. The Senators have proposed a Carbon Market Efficiency Board, modeled after the Federal Reserve, to oversee the allowances market. In "extreme economic circumstances," the Board could expand the quantity of available allowances, provided that the expansion is accompanied by a steeper reduction in the GHG cap in future years. Lieberman and Warner also have proposed that regulated entities have the ability to borrow a limited amount of allowances from their future allocations, subject to an interest rate. The Carbon Market Efficiency Board would have authority to set the interest rate and other terms for allowance borrowing.

Offset and International Credit Provisions. Both proposals would allow for the use of offset credits for emission reductions achieved by projects outside the scope of the emissions cap. Bingaman/Specter would streamline approval procedures for certain types of projects and authorize the President to promulgate rules allowing a regulated entity to use allowances or credits from foreign programs to cover up to 10% of its annual allowance requirements.

Senators Lieberman and Warner propose to limit the use of domestic offset credits to 15% of a regulated entity's allowance requirements, but would have a slightly more generous limit for use of foreign credits than the Bingaman/Specter bill (15%).

Credit for offset projects could be a significant issue in the climate debate. Some NGOs have argued that there should be no or only very limited credits for offset projects, citing concerns about the environmental integrity of the trading market.

Measures to Address Impacts on Trade and Competitiveness. A major emerging issue for climate legislation is how it addresses trade competitors that have not adopted comparable domestic caps on their GHG emissions. Both the Bingaman/Specter and Lieberman/Warner proposals embody the concept that the President may require importers of carbon-intensive goods from such countries to submit allowances in an amount sufficient to eliminate their economic advantage from not being subject to regulation. This concept likely will be further debated and developed during deliberations in the fall.

Outlook. Chairman Boxer has emphasized her interest in moving a cap-and-trade bill through her Committee during this session of Congress. There are, however, a large number of very important policy design issues to be resolved. Already, a subcommittee markup planned for September has slipped to October.

Furthermore, even a Committee-passed bill would need sufficient support from the full Senate (at least 60 votes) in order to overcome a likely filibuster. Given the considerable work needed to develop and build support for all the key elements of a comprehensive proposal, and the recent experience with the comparatively simple renewable portfolio standard, which appeared unable to attract 60 votes during the debate on energy legislation, it is difficult to imagine that a cap-and-trade bill could be passed by the Senate at this point in time. Nevertheless, while rapid passage seems unlikely, considerable behind-the-scenes efforts to refine climate legislation will continue.

House Climate Change Proposals: Cap-and-Trade and Carbon Tax

The principal architects of climate change legislation in the House will be Representative John Dingell (D-MI), Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Representative Rick Boucher (D-VA), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality. Representative Boucher has set a goal of having a bill pass through his subcommittee and the full committee process this fall, and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) recently said she wants to see a vote by the entire House on climate legislation by the end of 2007. However, it seems increasingly likely that this timetable will slip.

Little is known at this point about the bill that Representatives Boucher and Dingell are working on. Representative Dingell has expressed his views that both a cap-and-trade program and a carbon tax will be necessary for the U.S. to meet realistic emission

reduction goals. However, only a cap-and-trade bill would be within the jurisdiction of his Committee.

In developing cap-and-trade legislation, the Members of the Energy and Commerce Committee likely will grapple with many of the same design issues that are before the Senate EPW Committee. Rep. Boucher has indicated that his cap-and-trade bill will start with a modest cap and become increasingly stringent toward 2050.

Efforts by the House Committee may be complicated by the fact that key Committee members will be representing the House in the House-Senate conference on energy legislation. Representative Boucher said recently that he believes the energy conference should be delayed until a cap-and-trade bill could be added, allowing for a consideration of a single energy-climate package during 2008. Other Members, however, may resist further complicating the already complex and controversial energy bill deliberation.

Another arena of activity will be the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, chaired by Representative Ed Markey (D-MA). While lacking jurisdiction to legislate, the Select Committee will be a continued source of hearings and investigations on climate policy issues.

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I'm sorry that this became such a big issue; no need to apologize for being sarcastic- sarcasm always help me process through things! We are on the same page, so we'll get these boys fed with stuff at the House! It's crazy how doing something nice for a high school team can turn into something else. Yikes!

I am just a bit confused about the funding part; but I never sit in on any budget meetings and certainly not this one. When I initially called Linda about the pizza her response was (paraphrased) if the Governor wants to have the football team over for pizza- of course we would pay for it- just like any other event that the Governor hosts- then we moved on to figure out the best form of pymt. for Domino's/Bullwinkles. I was surprised when I got your first email, so I called her and asked why it was now a problem to host the team; she told me again that the state could pay for the pizza and it wasn't a problem. I didn't go into any details about your email; but wanted to know what had changed. We've only had one reception catered so far (Baranof paid by Cap.CityRep.Wom.) and DOA will be number two (Doc Waters); so to have Domino's cater the third event shouldn't be an issue.

I definitely will increase my prayer time for you!! I appreciate your mom's heart towards these boys and your willingness to open up your home to them. If someone is going to criticize you for that- then that's an honorable thing to be criticized for. It will mean alot to these kids to see the House and have a bite to eat after the game!

I pray that you will continue to move forward in God's wisdom and peace as you handle these types of issues. Venting is healthy, so feel free to anytime!!

Erika

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I love kids, sports, teams, etc and they are the people whom i WANT to host and be hospitable towards, versus some of those stuffy receptions I'm expected to host - and today I'm told that since I let the chef go that we can't offer to host a team??? This was the most frustrating issue I've faced in a long time because it's hyprocritical and nonsensicle. It was ok for Murkowski to wine and dine Bill Allen and members of the Corrupt Bastards Club, but I'm going to get hassled over how many old boxes of brownie mixes we use to serve a flippin' high school football team?

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Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

These are good ideas. Just use what we have in the house, I'll go purchase stuff that's not already in the house if I have to, or I'll bring brownie mixes from home in Wasilla if I find the time to gather stuff up - and then the state won't have to spend anything to host these Alaskan kids so they can eat their brownies at the mansion, legally. And then from hence forth I'll remember that it's "an issue" to feed visitors. This should apply to ALL the visitors, too, though - right? Staff, legislators, Juneau community members, people outside my immediate family, etc who visit the mansion and previously would have been offered something to eat?

I don't want to sound sarcastic about this, and it's not your fault and I appreciate you seeking solutions here - but I've seen what the state spends in our $8 billion budget, and I'm doing all I can to save money out of the Governor's and Mansion's budgets... so it's impossible for me to swallow that this became an issue.

I never thought accepting a team's request to visit their mansion would have turned into an all-afternoon controversy.

Please don't purchase any food, flowers, decorations, bedding, etc for the house for my family. We're going to be under an unfair microscope and the kids and I will make do on our own with this food issue (it's evidently become an issue since we chose to save money by doing without a chef) until someone can put it writing for me what is legal, what is not legal to eat.

Make sure when you invite the Juneau team (and all future teams, classrooms, rotary clubs, NEA groups, legislators, etc) that food won't be served until we get the "go ahead" from whomever makes these decisions for me. Don't want to do anything wrong here....

The only request I have still is for a kitchen table upstairs so we don't have to eat meals sitting on the beds or couch. I'll purchase a cheap one when I get to Juneau, as that would be cheaper than buying a cheap one here and shipping it.

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Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 20:16:52

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Perry,

Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: This is ridiculous

Governor,

Sorry I was rushing out the door for K's Open House..

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I really don't want to try to push anything on you, just ideas.

Erika

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Wed Sep 12 16:41:32 2007

Subject: This is ridiculous

Erika - huge issues seem to have erupted on the visiting football team on Friday. This "controversy" stems from the perception that I'd be favoring a visiting team from the Valley over the local Juneau team, and that "parents are sensitive to this, they may write letters to the editor", etc.

What a crock.

We've hosted so many groups, classrooms, teams, etc in the mansion and/or the Juneau office and no one has said boo about it.

There's questions about who'd pay for what (food-wise) if the visiting team came over. It's obvious the question is being asked because this is a visiting team, and not Juneau

(tho I was anxious to have the Juneau visit too). I am sickened by this controversy.

A budget meeting where Perez and Rehfeld brought this up? These type of issues, obviously, were never dealt with by Knowles and Murkowski - I am sickened by this and Erika and I were excited to get to invite more Alaskan kids to see THEIR mansion, not our's.

So as to not disappoint the team, but to not get me, my administration or Erika in trouble, no food will be served unless the team brings it themselves... sounds like the controversy was also over "the State can't pay for the food since there isn't an in-house chef anymore"... So no food.

Add to the solutions' list Mike, Erika, etc so we can conclude this issue before it gets even uglier.

Again, I am heartsick that anyone perceived this a negative thing.

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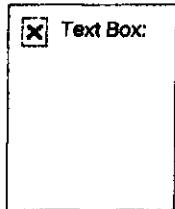
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Governor Sarah Palin
Office of the Governor
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September 13, 2007

Dear Governor Palin:

We want to discuss with you the adequacy of the State's large mine permitting process, particularly with respect to the proposed Pebble Project and its potential impact on Bristol Bay and Cook Inlet fish and wildlife populations and habitat. As you well know and appreciate, these are world class renewable resources that sustain the livelihood and enjoyment of many commercial, subsistence, and sport fishermen and related businesses. Our bottom-line concern is; can the State's permitting procedures assure us that these resources will be just as viable a century from now, when Pebble and perhaps other large mines have closed down, as they are today – after more than a century of commercial fishing?

A mantra of Alaska's mining industry is that Alaska has a rigorous permitting process, implying that the public need not fear the occurrence of serious, long-term environmental problems like those that have poisoned the credibility of the mining industry elsewhere. Examples of this mantra are:

- A recent Northern Dynasty mailing says, "Upholding Alaska's Strict Standards. The State of Alaska has some of the most stringent environmental regulations and permitting requirements in the world."
- The Resource Development Council says, "Before construction could begin on the mine, the project must first undergo rigorous review by state and federal agencies." (September 2005 newsletter).
- DNR Commissioner Irwin stated in a July 3rd Media Release that, "Alaska has a world-class system in place for natural resource use permitting and development."

While these are reassuring statements on their face value, are they accurate? Can these

statements be verified via independent reference? We think that the integrity of these claims is indicative of the degree of honesty and technical credibility we can expect once Pebble permits are actually submitted and the review process formally begins.

Our effort to find independent verification of the claims stated above has found nothing of support. In fact, we found contradictions. For example:

- The Fraser Institute 2006/2007 Annual Survey of Mining Companies indicates that Alaska's permitting system is viewed as favorable (i.e., not rigorous) by the mining industry. Alaska was ranked 5th best among U.S. states in regards to environmental regulations not being a deterrent to mining.

- The Alaska Miners Association web site says, "although operations in Alaska were for many years held to a higher standard than in other states, today the field is nearly level and in several states the requirements are more stringent than in Alaska."

- The Corps of Engineers permits for the Rock Creek and Kensington mines have been legally challenged. Irrespective of the courts decision on these challenges, it is obvious that there are grounds for believing that the permitting process may have taken shortcuts in order to facilitate mine development. Also, the National Marine Fisheries Service raised several objections to the recent Corps permit for the Port of Anchorage expansion stating that their analysis "understates the value of the fish habitat." While these are federal permits, not state, the fact is that state and federal agencies worked closely together on these projects and the state bears some complicity in any permit shortcomings.

Although Alaska's mine permitting process is not as lax as the laissez faire approach that still prevails in some countries, it may not be as stellar as some would like us to believe. While we agree that the combination of federal and state permits needed to develop a mine is topically comprehensive and usually requires extensive studies about baseline conditions, we don't think that this in itself amounts to a rigorous process.

In fact, extensive studies can be motivated more by an effort to insulate a project from law suit than to decide how or if the project should proceed. For instance, a legally defensible federal EIS needs to include a complete and adequate assessment of the project. A state water permit (AS 46.15.080) says that "the commissioner shall consider…the effect of fish and game resources and on public recreational opportunities." In both cases, the legal requirement is to merely be informed about environmental impacts, not to actually do anything about it.

In our view, the principal goal of a rigorous resource development permitting process should be protection from harm of other resources and resource users regardless of the impact this may have on the economic feasibility of a proposed project. The process should result in internalizing within the project any diseconomies that it might otherwise impose on others. If that jeopardizes project feasibility, then perhaps the project can not be afforded by its investors or the public and it is in the public interest to deny a permit. We think that this approach complies with the last five words of a sentence in our state constitution that many project advocates tend to leave out when quoting; "It is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest."

Given the disparity between what is claimed for the State's mine permitting process and what actually seems to be practiced, we think there needs to be an independent review of the process to verify its

strengths, weaknesses, and what improvements might be needed to assure that the mine permitting process is not just administratively efficient, but assures the protection of other natural resources and resource users. Accordingly, we ask that your office initiate a multi-agency review and that this be used to develop consensus with the public as to what is an adequate mine permitting process, particularly with respects to Pebble which would have a footprint that is much larger and more complex to analyze than other mines.

We should mention that we discussed our request for a review with Commissioner Irwin during a recent teleconference with him. At that time our position also called for a suspension of permits until the review has been completed so that any changes might be less disruptive to the permit applicant. Commissioner Irwin disagreed with our position, although we don't know if he disagreed with just the suspension or also the need for a review. Anyhow, with due respect for his willingness to listen to our concerns about permitting, we have dropped the part asking for a suspension of permits since that may not be a practical recommendation.

Your position on the Pebble issue is that the permitting process should play out before any decision is made. We respect that and feel that an independent review of the permitting process reinforces, rather than opposes, your position.

Given the unique nature of the Pebble Project, we think it would have been timely for the Murkowski Administration to undertake a public permitting review as part of a scoping process (which will eventually be required for federal permits). Instead of reaching some sort of early consensus with the public as to how Pebble permitting should proceed, the Murkowski Administration instead imposed permit changes that were arbitrary, lowered the bar in terms of protecting fish and wildlife habitat, reduced the opportunity for public participation, removed checks and balances that are fundamental to avoid having too much power in one place, and disrupted what had been a relatively stable and balanced permitting regime. The result is that many who are knowledgeable about the State's mine permitting process think the Murkowski Administration changes represents the public's interest about as well as his Petroleum Profits Tax. The review we recommend, perhaps combined with scoping meetings, could rectify that.

We do not think that a review of the States mine permitting process needs to be an expensive or lengthy process. There are resources in the state that are familiar with the situation and can provide a professionally competent effort. However, we would not recommend using any of the consulting firms that have mining clients since this would put them in an obvious conflict between staying on good terms with their clients and providing objective, incisive analysis. We recommend using an academic institution like the University of Alaska. ISER in particular has consistently demonstrated both excellent skills and good objectivity.

We look forward to helping you reach better agreement on what the Pebble mine permitting system should accomplish, particularly with respect to the extraordinary value of the regions fish and wildlife resources. If you are interested, we can provide you with some specific suggestions that a permitting review might want to consider.

Sincerely,

George Matz
CIA Issues Coordinator

cc DEC Commissioner Hartig
DF&G Commissioner Lloyd
DNR Commissioner Irwin
Senator Gary Stevens
Representative Paul Seaton
Cook Inlet Alliance list-serve

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 7:01 AM

To: Mike Nizich; gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: Denby Lloyd; Michael Tibbles; Sharon Leighow

Subject: Re: Polar Bears/State Comments

Mike, as soon as we see the Federal Register notice, I'll draft something for everyone's review.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 9/13/2007 at 10:50 AM, in message <1944140283-1189695001-cardhu_decombobulator_blackberry.rim.net-613485908-@bxe003.bisx.prod.on.blackberry>, <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> wrote:

> I agree. Would you and mr Nizich draft the letter? Thanks.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>
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> Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 10:47:50
> To:"Mike Nizich" <mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>
> Cc:"Denby Lloyd" <denby_lloyd@fishgame.state.ak.us>,"Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>,"Sharon Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>,"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:35 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: RE: PFD

Governor, I have Beth and Loren doing some ground work on that right now. They will coordinate with Revenue so as not to duplicate anything the Revenue has put together for locations. Beth indicated that they will have some options for you to consider by this afternoon.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 11:20 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Fw: PFD

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 19:19:58

To:"Patrick S Galvin" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Kristina Y Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Sharon W Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Michael A Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: PFD

Pat- haven't heard update on PFD roll-out in Kotzebue. Or Kenai. Or anywhere else.

I need to put it on my schedule asap.

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From: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AEKREITZER]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:23 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

Thanks. I'm in the Atwood building, Ivy has been checking to see if Commissioner von Scheben and I are on your schedule re: maritime contracts for today. Could talk with you more about the below topic if we're on schedule for today or whenever you are available.

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 10:19 AM

To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)

Subject: Fw: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

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From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 06:51:10

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

Great, would also recommend that press inquiries get directed to Annette since she knows more about what her Dept is doing and has done to address issues.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Thu Sep 13 06:31:08 2007

Subject: Re: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

She gave me a briefing two wks ago, i'll ask if there are new developments. Thanks!

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From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2007 23:30:05

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Meeting for you with Comm. Kreitzer

You may want to schedule a meeting with Annette to brief you on steps DOA has taken through the last few months to clean up ETS (our IT group) and to ensure proper procedures (or not) were followed related to contracts for VOIP (voice over internet protocol), E911, ALMR (the penultimate turf war between DMVA and DOA).

We've had concerns expressed to our office that we've talked with Annette about, Rachael Petro, and Mike T. Not sure whether they were ever elevated to you.

I've just heard that both Con Bunde and Eddie Burke have been asking around after these issues so I don't want you blindsided without an understanding of what DOA has done and is doing to address the issues.

Through the months we've been feeding everything we're hearing either to DOA or Mike or both.

I've got to stop traveling so I don't have to send you so many emails with heads ups...

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 8:22 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: Western storm

Just an FYI for you

I received some calls regarding a storm that is currently hitting the western coastal area of Alaska. The prelim reports are that Kivalina may have to evacuate some folks later today if the storm picks up in intensity. In Nome a road washed out but presents no immediate problem for the community. Later today there will be high tides and heavy wind expected so that may cause more problems as the day goes on. DMVA/Emergency Management has made contact with folks out in the western communities and will monitor the situation. As things develop I will keep you informed.

Mike N

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From: Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 8:49 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Telephone Call

Governor –

Your calendar and briefing papers for the 10:00 a.m. meeting should be out for you at the Mansion. I wanted these to be there for you before tomorrow morning (Fri).

I received a phone call from David Thompson; he said that he knows you when you went to school together in Skagway. He is now living in Tacoma. This is Eugene Miller's Great Nephew. He would like a call from you. 253-304-4367 (cell).
Thanks, Janice

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 12:24 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Football

We came up with enough frozen bread, spaghetti fixings, brownies and punch **just out of our pantry and freezers**. We have enough to feed the team without incurring any extra costs to the state. Diane (former fball mom) and I are *volunteering* our time to put this together and are more then happy to do this for the boys. When I extended the invite to the Colony coach it was for pizza, but I think they'll be happy with spaghetti!

The Juneau coach, Bill Chalmers is excited that the Governor invited the team over! Every Thursday night before home games a parent opens up their home, and the 1st & 10 Club (3-4 parents) bring all the food- cook the meal- and clean up. We just need to coordinate which Thursday night works best. I'll list the schedule below just for reference.

Thank you!!
Erika

Fri. 9/21 Juneau vs. W.Valley
Fri. 9/28 Juneau vs. Rainier, Oregon
Fri. 10/5 Juneau - Playoff game

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From: Smith, Lynne M (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LMSMITH1]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 8:11 AM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: FW: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

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From: Esther Cox [mailto:esthercox@alaskalife.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 7:08 PM
To: AK Home Educators Alliance
Cc: Smith, Lynne M (GOV); mauer@wildak.net; bschaeffer@nwarctic.org; Son.Luu@elmendorf.af.mil; Scott_Tim@asdk12.org; sreynoldsak@gmail.com; 'Patrick Shier'; hollowayassoc@gci.net
Subject: Re: Requests from AHEA - Thank you for reading and responding

September 12, 2007

Board of Alaska Home Educators Alliance:

The Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development is going to have a one hour work session on September 20th on statewide correspondence schools. It is an information session for the board with presentations by several State Department of Education personnel, and an opportunity for Board members to ask questions and to discuss. It is not the intent of the Board to hammer out any modification or eradication of regulations regarding statewide correspondence. Therefore, we are not asking for any participation by members of the pubic.

The Board is on a tight agenda, and we shall be sticking to the time allotments as closely as possible. There are any number of issues before the Board, and each one deserves full time and consideration.

There will be time to testify at the beginning of the meeting as always. Testimony from interested parties on any agenda or non-agenda item is encouraged; however, again time will be an issue. It would be helpful if your organization would select two or three people to testify who would represent the home school community.

Thank you.

Esther J. Cox
Alaska Board of Education and Early Development
Chairg

On Sep 9, 2007, at 3:28 AM, AK Home Educators Alliance wrote:

Dear Ms. Cox, members of the Board of EED and Ms. Smith:

Attached is a letter from the Alaska Home Educators Alliance. Thank you in advance for responding to our requests.

Sincerely
The AHEA Board

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 1:12 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: Dan Wilmont/Track's Enlistment

I want to add my civilian "OH RAH" to what Dan said. It's easy for the rest of us to debate the merits of US foreign and military policy. It's a lot harder, and I think more significant, to demonstrate one's commitment by enlisting in the service of this country.

>>> <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> 9/13/2007 3:49 pm >>>
Yeah!!!
Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 15:17:23
To:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: Dan Wilmont/Track's Enlistment

Dan Wilmont, your military escort to Kuwait, = asked me to convey the email pasted below.

Please pass along a hearty Marine Corps "OH RAH" to the Governor.

Please note that my email address has = changed. My new email address = is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. = Thank you .

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From: Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:52 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Subject: FW: Fall NW Sea Storm

Here is a little more detail regarding the storm

From: Cramer, John W (MVA)
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2007 9:24 AM
To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Katz, John W (GOV)
Cc: Campbell, Craig (MVA)
Subject: Fall NW Sea Storm

Gentlemen, just for your awareness. This is the latest which we have on the developments regarding the Western Alaska fall seastorm event that is going on. Kivalina voluntarily evacuated 97 residents to Kotzebue last night. Again this was voluntary by the community as a precaution. We also have been told that an additional 100 drove by ATV's to Red Dog and were put up in their facilities. We are in contact with the NW Arctic Borough EOC. They have not indicated that there are any emergency threats at this time. That are in constant contact with all of the villages that have the potential to be impacted. I have asked for an update on a every 3 hour basis until we are through the projected storm event. Last word was that the peak of the storm would be early morning hours today. As information is made available to me I will make certain to pass that along. If you wish to discuss further I am available as you wish.

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